

# Speech and Debate Team excels

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Speech and Debate at Shrewsbury High School is unique among extracurricular activities at the high school level. Statewide tournaments are held from October to April, and national tournaments flank those months, making it a year-round activity that requires great stamina and dedication.

Students can also compete in a wide range of categories, from the artistic (Dramatic Interpretation) to intellectual (Student Congress). Dedication and perseverance from coaches and students made the 2001-02 year a banner year for the SHS Speech and Debate team.

The season started in August 2001, when 20 committed students gathered for speech camp at the house of head coach Marc Rishitelli. Along with assistant coaches Jennifer Avedian, Dave Berridge, Vivian Powers, and Amy MacIntosh, the team discussed individual and team goals for the coming season. Six students had attended a speech camp at the University of Texas in July, and brought their enthusiasm and

suggestions to the rebuilding team.

Thanks to the growing middle school speech program, coached by Christina Manos, the SHS team had a record 40 students attend auditions in September 2001 and the team tripled in size. The enthusiasm and talent of young recruits paired with the skill and experience of varsity team members was a recipe for success.

At state tournaments, students compete individually in their own categories in order to place in the top six. Additionally, individual scores accumulate for an overall team score. Numerous students had great individual success during the season at each tournament, and as a result, Shrewsbury's team placed in the top five or better at the 12 statewide tournaments. With three-quarters of the team as novices, this was a great feat of which they should be proud.

The annual State Finals were especially rewarding this year, with Lauren Mosakowski placing first in Original Oratory. At the qualifying tournament to compete at the Catholic National Forensic League national tournament in Pittsburgh,

PA, a record 20 students qualified to attend. They, with committed coaches and chaperones, traveled to compete over Memorial Day Weekend. Joseph Chan gave the team's outstanding performance, advancing to the Quarter-finals in Oratorical Declamation and placing him in the top 24 of the nation in his category.

Two students also qualified to compete at the week-long National Forensic League tournament in Charlotte, NC in June 2002. Margaret Stanley and Daniel Chaparian were honored to represent Shrewsbury High School and the state of Massachusetts at this most prestigious of national tournaments. They made their team and state proud, with Miss Stanley advancing to Quarter-finals in Storytelling and Mr. Chaparian advancing to Semifinals in Student Congress.

July was a month of rest for many members of the SHS Speech Team. Some members attended speech and theater camps to build their skills. Others took this much needed time to relax. They know August means speech camp and the beginning of another successful season.

## Finance Factoids: Summer Enrichment program

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Everyone is pleased that the School Department's Summer Enrichment Program has flourished. The program has nearly doubled this summer as compared to last.

Program funding comes solely from the tuitions it charges for participation.

What does it cost to run the program?

### Summer 2002 Budget:

Revenue (from tuitions) \$90,000

Expenses:

Payroll

Supervision	\$5,000
Instructors	\$72,060
Nursing	\$2,000
Secretarial	\$2,000
Supplies/Printing	\$ 7,500

Grand Total \$88,560

Net Difference \$1,440

# September 3rd is the first day of school

Classes for grades 1- 12 will be in session on that day as follows:

### KINDERGARTEN:

Kindergarten screening will take place at Beal School from September 3rd to September 6th. Parents will be notified via letter of the specific screening date and time for their child. Parents are responsible for transporting their children to and from the screening session.

For parents of morning (AM) kindergarten students and parents of Beal first graders (new to the school district), orientation is September 3rd from 7-8pm at Beal School.

For parents of afternoon (PM) kindergarten and full-day kindergarten students, orientation is September 4th from 7-8pm at Beal School.

Teacher Assignment, Classroom Visit, & Bus Ride: (parents and students)

Students and parents will be able to visit their assigned classroom (Beal and Beal West) and take a

short bus ride on September 9th. Your student's teacher assignment and a specific time for your visit will be mailed to you the week of August 19th.

Full and half day kindergarten classes begin on September 10th. All kindergarten students will be bused. No kindergarten students will walk to school.

\* Parents have been notified via letter of their child's kindergarten session and school assignment.

### PRESCHOOL:

Preschool classes for the Little Colonials Program and the Parker Road Preschool begin per the schedule below. Only special education students will be bused. All other students must be transported by their parent(s).

Parents of special education preschool students will receive specific bus number and bus stop assignments via letter. Please do not

call the School Dept. for this information.

*Breakfast and lunch will be served at all schools on opening day.*

## Bus Information

This year parents/guardians of all students (K-12) will receive a letter in late August with specific bus information. We expect this student-specific information will be a significant improvement in how we communicate bus-ing information to the community. Please do not call for this information. If you have a specific problem or do not receive the bus information letter by August 23rd please call Kelly Donahue, Transportation Coordinator, at 841-8408.

### Parker Road Preschool (at Spring Street School)

SESSION	START DATE	START TIME	RELEASE TIME
<b>Morning</b> (AM)	Sept. 9	8:15am	10:45am
<b>Afternoon</b> (PM)	Sept. 9	11:30pm	2:00pm

### Parker Road Preschool

SESSION	START DATE	START TIME	RELEASE TIME
<b>Morning</b> (AM)	Sept. 9	8:30am	11:00am
<b>Afternoon</b> (PM)	Sept. 9	12:00pm	2:30pm

### Beal Kindergarten

SESSION	LOCATION	START TIME	RELEASE TIME
<b>Full Day</b>	Beal	9:00am	3:15pm
<b>Morning</b> (AM)	Beal & Beal West	9:00am	11:50pm
<b>Afternoon</b> (PM)	Beal & Beal West	12:25pm	3:15pm

\* Parents have been notified via letter of their child's kindergarten session and school assignment.

## School start date / times / grades 1-12

Tuesday, September 3rd is the opening day for the Shrewsbury Public Schools. Classes for grades 1- 12 will be in session on that day as follows:

school site	grade	arrival time	release time
<b>High School</b>	*8-12	7:25am	1:50pm
<b>Middle School</b>	**5-7	7:45am	2:20pm
<b>Coolidge</b>	1-5	8:30am	2:45pm
<b>Floral St.</b>	1-4	9:00am	3:15pm
<b>Paton</b>	1-5	9:00am	3:15pm
<b>Spring St.</b>	1-5	9:00am	3:15pm
<b>Beal Grade 1</b>	1	9:00am	3:15pm

\*Grade 8 students are assigned to the High School. All grade 8 students are on the High School schedule and will ride High School buses.

\*\*Grade 5 students from Floral Street district are assigned to the Middle School. These students will be on the Middle School schedule and ride Middle School buses.